

LANESBOROUGH TREE AND FOREST COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2015

In attendance: Paula Brydy, Nick DeCandia, Jim Neureuther, Anne Pasko and Katharine Westwood,

1. The meeting was called to order by Jim at 4: 00 p.m.
2. The minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT:

There is a balance of \$43.47 in the General Account 100
There is a balance of \$4,263.61 in the Revolving Account

1. \$25.00 donation from David Robillard. Thank you sent
2. \$250 Tree donation by Lee and JoAnn Hague. Thank you sent
3. \$250 Tree donation by Carrie and David Schulman. Thank you sent.

4. TREE MAINTENANCE/250th TREE PLANTING:

- a. Commemorative trees committed to date:
 - i. Ralph & Sue Schulman, Lee & JoAne Hauge, Carrie and David Schulman
 - ii. Frances and Martin Connors Fund will purchase 2 in Spring.
 - iii. Jim has sent an informative letter to Bob Petricca about the commemorative trees.
- b. The Committee has received an offer from the Liberty Tree Society of a disease resistant Elm. The Committee voted to have Jim explore further with them with the goal of applying for one. This would be planted in Laston Memorial Park
- c. At the April meeting the Committee will review potential trees to plant

5. **FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY:**

The committee discussed the magnets suggested by Jim. The goal is to have them made at price that will allow us to make a profit of \$3.00. Jim presented the three designs and it appears that the committee has chosen the first one on his list. The samples Jim made are 2" X 3.25" and are quite thin without a polished surface. It would be difficult to sell these and make a \$3.00 profit. Anne will get information from Mary Rentz in Pittsfield and will also check with Aldam Press to see if they can make these magnets.

6 **ARBOR DAY:**

The 2015 Arbor Day celebration is scheduled to take place on May 8, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the Lanesborough Elementary School with the 3rd grade. Anne will discuss possible activities for the 3rd grade with Ms. Mello – perhaps some Haiku, art, a timeline of King Elmer's 250 years?

Part of the celebration will consist of tree education by Jim, reading of the Arbor Day Proclamation and a sing along with former Committee member Robert Fraker. Jim, will invite Mr. Paul Seiloff, the Town Administrator to read the proclamation.

We will give each child one of the magnets.

7. OTHER OLD/ NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Jim asked for an update of volunteer time and/or expenses
- b. Jim checked with DCR and has been assured that we have been recertified as a “Tree City” for 2015
- c. We have solicited the Select Board to appoint Kacy Westwood and to reappoint Nicholas DeCandia to the committee. The both need to see the Town Clerk to be sworn in.
- d. The annual report of the Committee has been approved and Jim will forward it to Diane.
- e. Jim will review the information presently on the Town Website and will work with Kacy to make any corrections.
- f. Anne will order a banner from Staples to be displayed at the site of King Elmer.
- g. Paula suggested that some organizations and business be solicited in town to contribute a 250 Commemorative Tree. Jim will send letters to the Police and Fire Depts.

8. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MODAY APRIL 6 AT 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne W. Pasko